

**Monroe County Art in Public Places Committee
Minutes
Monday – June 9, 2014
Marathon Gov't Center, Marathon**

In attendance were Committee members: Sue D'Antonio, Jeffrey Harwell, Dave Andrews, Beth Kaminstein (arrival noted), Nance Frank (via phone); Staff: Liz Young, Jodell Roberts;

Sue D'Antonio, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Public Input

Sue asked if there was any input from the public. There was no response.

Approval of Minutes of May 13, 2014

Motion: Jeff moved to approve the May 13, 2014 minutes; seconded by Dave. The motion was passed unanimously.

The committee extended an official welcome to Dave Andrews to his first meeting as a newly appointed committee member.

Conch Key Fire Station: Conch Key Fire Station - Bill Horn, Architect. Total Budget \$15,797.15. Contract complete for \$14,000. Selected artist: Maureen Melville. The artist will be fabricating work in her studio and will then bring it to the site for installation. It is confirmed that Maureen Melville will be in the Keys in July for a week to 10 days to install the artwork at the fire station. Chief Callahan is aware of Ms. Melville's July arrival and is standing by,

Beth enters the meeting.

Key West Airport – wall over ticket counter – Total Budget \$3,043.25. Contract complete for \$2,200. Selected artist: W.B. Thompson. The artist will be in Key West this evening to begin installing the artwork. Liz will be at the airport to provide assistance. Nance spoke with Commissioner Kolhage about the new public art piece and hopes that he will come and see it. Nance suggested that a good time to come is on Wednesday. Liz will photograph the work.

Stock Island Fire Station – Bill Horn, Architect. Total Budget \$27,347.97 Selected artist: David Harrison Wright. Art budget of \$21,350. Artwork is complete and artist has been paid in full. Signage needs design approval and to be ordered and installed. Nance visited the site with David Harrison Wright to see how the artwork could be made more visible from the road. Mr. Wright will consider the issue and contact the committee. Liz has researched a number of types of pedestals that she will present at the next meeting. In the interim, she will forward the examples to the committee. Nance suggested looking at what Sculpture Key West has done for sculpture signage. Liz mentioned a brushed aluminum plaque type of sign. Discussion followed regarding pedestrian traffic near the fire station.

Freeman Justice Center - The RFP for the Freeman Justice Center will identify SPACE A and SPACE B. Each with specified budget. RFP has been released with a bid opening date of July 23 at 3:00 pm. A site visit for prospective applicants has been scheduled per the RFP. The committee will review the submitted responses to RFP and will choose an artist at its August 11 meeting for recommendation to the BOCC. The location of the August 11 meeting is scheduled for Marathon, which will need to be changed to Key West, a closer location to the Freeman Justice Center and for appointed Non-Voting members of the panel, Holly Elomina and Jane Isherwood to attend the meeting. The September 8 committee meeting formerly scheduled to be held in Key West will be rescheduled to meet in Marathon. Arts Council staff will effectuate changed meeting locations.

- a. **Drug Court Addition – Budget \$5,036.00** -- Artwork budget \$4,400.
- b. **Lobby Renovations – Budget \$2,359.72.** -- Artwork budget \$2,000.

Key West Airport etched glass (6-13 panels in TSA area) special project budget \$13,000. Project has been approved. Purchase order has been processed by Airport staff and is in Finance dept. awaiting approval for payment. No definitive word that McMow Glass has received this first payment. Liz noted that checks to David Harrison Wright have been mailed for the purchase of his airplane paintings. Sue explained the project to Dave. Liz discussed financial aspects of invoicing and payment methods. During her visit to the airport this evening, Liz will inquire when the frosting on the panels will be cleaned off.

Marathon Court House – Michael Ingram, Architect. **Budget \$8,311.05.** RFP for exterior artwork budget is \$7,200. Installation will not occur until sewer hookup construction work is completed. RFP draft will be completed when Public Works has completed site work. Engineering reports that the site is being assessed in May-June by the architect. A present, there are not updates.

Key West Airport - Arrivals Terminal downstairs renovation – Project on hold.

NEW PROJECTS:

- **Bernstein Park**, Stock Island renovations: Bill Horn is the architect. We are awaiting budget and plans – No updated information.
- **Plantation Key Court House** – This could be a renovated or new project.
- **New Fire Station –Summerland Key** –Several sites are being considered for purchase.

Jeff inquired if the White Street Pier rehabilitation is a Monroe County or a City of Key West project Liz offered to find out.

Bi-Annual RFQ (Request for Qualifications) – RFQ has been released with a bid opening date of July 22 at 3:00 pm. Please encourage any artist friends to apply for qualifications. Determination by the committee of Qualified Artists from responses to the RFQ will also be made at the August 11 committee meeting. Qualified Artists and the RFQ process was explained to Dave.

The following projects have been placed **on hold** by the BOCC as of March 18, 2009:

- **Old Tavernier School and Jefferson Brown Bldg.**
- **Marathon Emergency Operations Center** – Design phase (no funds available)

Other business –

Key West Airport

Liz mentioned that Tom Joris has been hired to do maintenance on the Seward Johnson piece "New Friends and to repaint the Conch Republic flag at the Key West Airport.

Freeman Justice Center - Courtroom

Liz related that she understands from Jeff Rodriguez, who represents Jorge de la Torriente at de la Gallery that Mr. Torriente's photographs have been installed in Judge Miller's courtroom in the Freeman Justice Center. Liz will document in writing J. Miller' request and the committee's response regarding the installation of the photographs. Sue mentioned that the photographs are properly the realm of the Art in Public Buildings program as are they are on loan from the artist.

Bernstein Park

Dave asked about budgeting for public art. Liz responded that as the Bernstein Park project is a larger property, it could have a number of works in different locations or a major piece.

2015 FAPAP Conference in Monroe County

Sue and Liz shared observations and photographs of the FAPAP conference in Jacksonville, including how quickly the conference was organized. Liz, Sue and Michael Shields are on FAPAP committee for 2015 conference in Monroe County. Suggested dates for the conference are April 22 – 24 or April 29, 30 & May 1. The committee was asked which dates they preferred and informed that hotel rooms for 40 plus conference attendees will be needed. Discussion of the 2015 Conference will be put on the committee's agenda every month. Sue stated the importance of involving everyone in the conference. Jeff suggested additional excursions before or after the conference, with a trip up the Keys for an additional fee. An additional excursion could include Islamorada during a "Walk a Bout". Discussion followed regarding the educational aspect of the conference which is public art - history, conservation and maintenance in a tropical environment. Liz suggested virtual tours of Islamorada to be shown at the Tropic. Other conference ideas include a trip to Big Pine with an in transit talk by Tom Hambright; a Stock Island Fire Station visit and talk by David Harrison Wright; and Peter Horton at the Key West Airport. Jeff mentioned that a set of cards at a previous conference with things to do while at the destination could be produced for the 2015 conference.

Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jodell Roberts
Business Manager